



## Environmental Planner (Natural Sciences)

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Type of Examination:	Departmental Open
Salary:	MONTHLY-RANGED-SALARY - \$3,106.00 to \$4,670.00
Tenure/Time-base:	Permanent Full-time Permanent Part-time Permanent Intermittent Limited Term Full-time Limited Term Part-Time Limited Term Intermittent
Exam Type:	State-wide

### EEO

An equal opportunity employer to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age or sexual orientation.

### DRUG-FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the state of California to achieve a drug-free state work place. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing civil service and the special trust placed in public servants.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Applicants who meet the Minimum Qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this Training and Experience Evaluation at any time.

Once you have taken the Training and Experience Evaluation, you may not retake it for 12 months.

### FILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Final Filing Date:** Continuous

**Where to Apply:** Click on the link at the bottom of this bulletin.

## SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special assistance or special testing arrangements, contact the State Personnel Board, Examinations Unit at (866) 844-8671, TTY (916) 654-6336, or via the California Relay Service for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing at (800) 735-2929 from TTY Phones, or at (800) 735-2922 from voice phones.

## ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

An open merged eligible list will be established for the Department of Transportation. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list in order of final scores regardless of test date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established. Competitors must then retest to reestablish eligibility.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION

**NOTE:** All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination announcement.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

### EITHER I

**Education:** A Bachelor's Degree in the Biological Sciences with concentration in animal biology, plant biology, ecology, fisheries management, or wildlife management. (Registration as a Senior in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of having fulfilled the requirements for graduation before they will be considered eligible for appointment.)

### OR II

**Experience:** One year of experience in environmental planning, research, analysis, or evaluation of natural science elements. And

**Education:** Equivalent to graduation from college. (Registration as a senior in a recognized institution will admit applicants to the examination, but they must produce evidence of having fulfilled the requirements for graduation before they will be considered eligible for appointment.) (Additional qualifying experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis.)

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

This is the recruiting, developmental, and first working level. Initially, under supervision, in a learning capacity, incumbent does the less responsible and complex environmental work in connection with environmental planning and research and analysis. As knowledge and skills are developed, the incumbent performs environmental planning, analysis and evaluation work of average difficulty; assists in conducting and preparing environmental studies; prepares reports and documents including environmental impact statements and assessments.

## EXAMINATION INFORMATION

**TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE EVALUATION – Weighted 100%**

The examination will consist solely of a Training and Experience Evaluation. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. An applicant will receive his/her score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

## **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES**

### **Knowledge of:**

1. Environmental inventory and an assessment of existing social and natural environmental systems, to be used as a data base upon which to plan and develop transportation systems in conjunction with local, regional, and State plans.

### **Ability to:**

1. Prepare, review and process environmental documents mandated by Federal and State laws and regulations and, as a team member, assess the consequences to the environmental mitigation measures of these alternatives.
2. Participate in the continuing development of multimodal transportation plans and projects based on statewide, regional, and local needs.
3. Identify research needs in the natural and social sciences as well as the environmental design arts.
4. Perform research within area of expertise as part of a research team.
5. Monitor and evaluate environmental research findings accomplished by out-service personnel and contract consultants.
6. Assist in the development of and participate in training programs in the environmental area.
7. Participate as a departmental representative on environmental issues at inter or intradepartmental meetings, public or private meetings and hearings, and legislative hearings.

## **VETERANS' PREFERENCE POINTS**

Veterans' Preference Points will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in this examination, and who qualify for, and have requested, these points through the State Personnel Board. Due to changes in the law, effective January 1, 1996, veterans who have achieved permanent civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference Points.

## **CAREER CREDITS**

Career Credits will not be added to the final score of this examination, because it does not meet the requirements to qualify for Career Credits.

## **ADDITIONAL DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

College level courses related to environmental planning.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact an SPB Representative at the State Personnel Board,

Examination Services Unit  
801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814

(866) 844-8671, TDD (916) 654-6336.

California Relay Service: 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922.

TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Applications are available** at [www.jobs.ca.gov](http://www.jobs.ca.gov), State Personnel Board offices, and local offices of the Employment Development Department.

**If you meet the requirements** stated on this examination bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The State Personnel Board** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, should the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules, and all competitors will be notified.

**Candidates needing special testing arrangements** due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and contact the testing department.

**Hiring Interview Scope:** In a hiring interview, in addition to the scope described in this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight may be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience, and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development. For more information, you may refer to the classification specification.

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

**Veterans' Preference Points:** California Law (Government Code 18971-18978) allows the granting of Veterans' Preference Points in open entrance and open, non-promotional entrance examinations. Veterans' Preference Points will be added to the final score of all competitors who are successful in these types of examinations, and who qualify for, and have requested by mail, these points. **In open (only)** entrance examinations, Veterans' Preference Points are granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, widows and widowers of veterans, and spouses of 100% disabled veterans (5 points for widows, widowers, and spouses if the veteran was in the National Guard); and 15 points for disabled veterans. **In open, non-promotional** entrance examinations, Veterans' Preference Points are granted as follows: 10 points for veterans, and 15 points for disabled veterans. Employees who have achieved permanent State civil service status are not eligible to receive Veterans' Preference Points. "Permanent State civil service status" means the status of an employee who is lawfully retained in his/her position after completion of the applicable probationary period. This includes permanent intermittent, part-time, and full-time appointments. In addition, individuals who at any time achieved permanent State civil service status and subsequently resigned, or were dismissed from State civil service are not eligible to receive Veterans'

Preference Points. Veteran status is verified by the State Personnel Board (SPB). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference Points are on the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at [www.spb.ca.gov](http://www.spb.ca.gov) or from the State Personnel Board, 801 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, CA 95814, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## TAKING THE EXAM

**When you click the link below, you will be directed to the Training and Experience Evaluation. At the end of the Training and Experience Evaluation, it will be instantly scored.**

**[Click here to go to the Training and Experience Evaluation for Environmental Planner \(Natural Sciences\).](#)**